



Delhi Police Launched Operation Shastra | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Delhi Police has launched **Operation Shastra**, a major campaign targeting the **growing glorification and display of guns and weapons on social media**, aiming to curb gun culture and enhance public safety.

Key Points:

- **Objective:** The operation is focused on preventing the **normalisation and celebration of firearms and violent imagery online**, which police believe can influence youth and contribute to unsafe behaviour.
- **Implementing Agencies:** The initiative is led by the **Delhi Police**, with directives from the **Police Commissioner** and coordinated involvement of **cyber units** and field teams.
 - Under **Operation Shastra**, authorities monitored thousands of social media accounts and short-form videos where individuals were seen displaying guns, knives, or other weapons for influence or thrill-seeking.
- **Technological Approach:** The operation incorporated digital scanning and behavioural analysis of publicly available content on social platforms to identify problematic posts that promote weapon glorification.
- **Significance:** Operation Shastra marks a **modern policing approach** that combines online surveillance with on-ground action to address emerging threats to public safety.
 - The campaign also seeks to educate communities and discourage youth from engaging in or sharing content that glamorises weapons and violence.

Goa Becomes Second Indian State to Publish a Bird Atlas | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Goa has become the **second Indian state** to publish its own comprehensive **state-level bird atlas**, marking a major step in avian documentation and biodiversity conservation.

Key Points:

- **State:** The **Bird Atlas of Goa** was released in the coastal state of **Goa** making it the **second Indian state**.
 - Kerala was the **first Indian state** to publish a state-level bird atlas.
- **Launch:** The atlas was unveiled during the **ninth Bird Festival of Goa**, highlighting the state's

emphasis on biodiversity awareness and community participation.

- **Purpose:** The bird atlas provides a **systematic and spatial mapping** of bird species and their distribution across Goa.
 - It is expected to support long-term ecological monitoring, scientific research, and conservation planning.
- **Methodology:** The atlas was developed through **citizen science collaboration** involving ornithologists, researchers, birdwatchers, and volunteers who contributed field observations and data.
- **Significance:**
 - It fills critical gaps in **avian biodiversity data** at the state level.
 - It will assist policymakers and conservationists in designing informed strategies for habitat protection and species management.
 - The project promotes greater **public engagement in wildlife conservation**.

Read More: [Goa](#)

VOC Port Becomes India's First to Deploy Anti-Drone Security | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Chidambaranar Port Authority (VOC Port) has become the **first port in India** to initiate the deployment of an advanced **Anti-Drone Security System**.

Key Points:

- **System:** The **Anti-Drone Security System** integrates radar, radio frequency detection, and optical tracking technologies to detect, monitor, and respond to unauthorized drone activities near the port vicinity.
 - This move was implemented by the **Chidambaranar Port Authority** (VOC Port) in Tamil Nadu.
- **Purpose:** The system aims to strengthen **maritime infrastructure security**, protect critical assets, and prevent potential threats posed by unmanned aerial systems in key operational zones.
 - This initiative represents a significant advancement in **port security measures**, aligning with national priorities to **safeguard trade routes and maritime installations** against **emerging technological threats**.
- **Security concern:** Increasing use of commercial drones globally has prompted security agencies to adopt **counter-drone systems** to mitigate risks linked to **espionage, smuggling, or accidental airspace incursions** near sensitive infrastructure.

Read More: [Anti-Drone Security System](#)

Kotak Becomes India's First to Enable Fully Digital FPI Registration

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Why in News?

Kotak Mahindra Bank has become the **first custodian in India** to facilitate the **entire Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registration and account opening process using electronic signatures**, marking a major digital milestone in capital market access.

Key Points:

- **Institution:** The achievement was announced by **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
 - One of India's leading **private sector banks**, when its custody arm enabled fully digital onboarding for FPIs.
- **Innovation:** This is the first instance in India where an FPI licence and associated client account opening documentation have been executed **entirely with electronic signatures (eSign)** without requiring physical **"wet signatures"**.
 - The move follows **SEBI's** introduction of a **unified digital workflow** in January 2026, which allows digital signatures to be used within the **Common Application Form (CAF)** portal for FPI registration.
- **Purpose:** The initiative aims to **simplify and accelerate the process for foreign investors** to enter the Indian market by reducing paperwork, lowering operational risks, and modernising the onboarding experience.
- **Benefits: Paperless onboarding** significantly reduces time and logistical overhead for global investors.
 - Enhances **ease of doing business** and supports India's aspiration to attract greater foreign investment.
 - Strengthens India's **digital infrastructure** for capital markets.
- **Significance:** This development reflects India's shift toward **digital transformation** in financial markets and aligns with broader reforms by SEBI to streamline investor registration and compliance processes.

Read More: [SEBI, Ease of doing business](#)

Walmart Becomes First Retailer to Hit \$1 Trillion Market Value | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Walmart has achieved a landmark financial milestone by crossing a **\$1 trillion market valuation**, emerging as the **first traditional retail company** to join the elite trillion-dollar club that has largely been dominated by major global technology firms.

Key Points:

- **About Walmart:** It is a **US-based multinational retail corporation** known for its extensive chain of hypermarkets, discount department stores and grocery outlets.
- **Historic Benchmark:** Walmart's market capitalisation exceeded **\$1 trillion for the first time**.
 - Placing it among elite companies like **Nvidia, Alphabet (Google's parent)**, and other tech giants.
- **Factors Driving Growth:**
 - Expansion of its **online marketplace** and e-commerce services.

- Boost from **digital and AI-driven capabilities** integrated into operations.
- Strengthening of subscription services like **Walmart+** and rapid delivery offerings.
- Growth in Walmart's **advertising business** and supply-chain innovations.
- **Significance:**
 - Marks a **shift in retail industry dynamics**, where a traditional retailer has joined ranks usually held by technology and digital-centric firms.
 - Signals investor confidence in Walmart's **omni-channel strategy** and ability to innovate in a competitive landscape traditionally led by tech companies.

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India's First 'Elderly Budget' in Kerala | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

In the **Kerala State Budget 2026-27**, presented by **Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal** on **29 January 2026**, Kerala became the **first state in India** to introduce a specialized '**Elderly Budget**' document alongside the main budget to address the needs of senior citizens.

Key Points:

- **Key Pillars of the Elderly Budget:** The state has earmarked specific funds and policy frameworks to address the geriatric demographic shift:
- **Financial Security:** Social security pensions have been increased to **₹2,000 per month**, benefiting over 60 lakh individuals.
 - Total allocation for social security and welfare fund pensions stands at **₹14,500 crore**.
- **Health & Geriatric Care:**
 - **Menopause Clinics:** Established in district hospitals with an initial outlay of ₹3 crore.
 - **Insurance for the 'Missing Middle':** A **₹50 crore** allocation for a health insurance scheme targeting families above the poverty line who are not covered by existing schemes.
 - **Palliative Care:** Enhanced funding for the community-based palliative care network, a hallmark of the Kerala health model.
- **Housing & Infrastructure:**
 - **Retirement Homes:** **₹30 crore** allocated to subsidize the construction of modern retirement homes by private and cooperative sectors.
 - **Elderly Friendly Cities:** Special grants for local bodies to create "age-friendly" public infrastructure, including parks and walkways.
- **The Care Economy:**
 - **On-Call Volunteer Services:** **₹10 crore** to develop a digital platform and cadre of volunteers to assist the elderly living alone with daily chores and medical visits.
 - **Vayomithram Scheme:** Expanded to all municipal and panchayat wards to provide free medicines and check-ups at the doorstep.
- **Significance:** Kerala's elderly population is among the highest in India, creating pressure on health, social security and caregiving systems.
 - The Elderly Budget represents a **proactive policy response** to demographic reality rather than reactive welfare spending.

Airbus-GSV Centre of Excellence: Advancing Sustainable Aerospace | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

Global aerospace leader **Airbus** inaugurated a state-of-the-art **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** at **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV)** in Vadodara, Gujarat.

Key Points:

- **Collaboration:** This collaboration between Airbus and GSV aims to strengthen India's **aerospace research ecosystem**, particularly in **sustainable aviation technologies**, and deepen **industry-academia engagement** in the sector.
- **Objectives of the CoE:** Focused research on decarbonizing the aviation sector, including **Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)** and hydrogen-based propulsion systems.
 - **Skill Development:** Creating a specialized workforce for the Indian aerospace ecosystem, specifically targeting aviation operations, maintenance, and logistics.
- **Research & Innovation:** Advancing collaborative projects between industry and academia to solve real-world aerospace challenges.
- **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV):** A Central University established under the **Ministry of Railways**, Govt. of India.
 - **Location:** Based in **Vadodara**, it acts as the primary academic driver for the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- **Significance:** The CoE complements the **C-295 aircraft manufacturing facility** in Vadodara (a Tata-Airbus collaboration), strengthening the domestic supply chain.

Read More: [Gati Shakti National Master Plan](#)

World Pulses Day 2026 | National Current Affairs | 10 Feb 2026

Why in News?

On **10th February, 2026**, World Pulses Day was celebrated globally to recognize the vital role of pulses (dried seeds of leguminous plants) in achieving the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Key Points:

- **Designation:** The day was designated by the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in 2019, building on the success of the **International Year of Pulses (2016)**.
 - **Theme:** **"Pulses of the world: from modesty to excellence"**
 - **Focus:** This theme was selected by the **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** to **reframe pulses** from being seen as humble, traditional foods to being recognised for their nutritional richness, culinary diversity and value in sustainable diets.
- **India's Pulse Scenario (2025-26):** India remains the world's largest producer, consumer, and importer of pulses.
- **Production Targets:** Under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), India has targeted a record production of 28-29 million tonnes for the 2025-26 crop year to achieve *Atmanirbharata* (self-reliance).

- **Importance of Pulses:** Pulses are a rich source of plant-based proteins, fiber, and essential minerals (iron, potassium, magnesium). They are critical for combating **malnutrition** in developing nations.
 - **Soil Health (Nitrogen Fixation):** Legumes possess nitrogen-fixing properties that improve soil fertility, reducing the dependency on synthetic fertilizers and lowering the carbon footprint of agriculture.
- **Climate Resilience:** Pulses have a low water footprint compared to other protein sources and are highly adaptable to drought-prone environments, making them essential for **Climate-Smart Agriculture**.

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